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Minutes
of
Branch Chief's Meeting of
11 August 1952

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It was stated that Mr. S. Possony, who may be a special officer in b/3/

A-2, may be able to contributesomething to this problem. Mr. Sullivan (b)(3) gave a summary of the 5 years that Mr. Strong spent ~~at~~ in the Southwest in N. Mex. b-*

There was no specific problem to be discussed at this time, so ~~The~~ the meeting was adjourned.

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* where so many "flying saucers" have been reported of late. Although Mr. Strong knew many people there and traveled the area extensively, no unusual phenomena were ever mentioned or seen.